



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  
 Contra Costa County, County Clerk  
 555 Escobar Street  
 Martinez, CA 94553

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)  
 EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
 Office of the Secretary  
 375 Eleventh Street, MS 806  
 Oakland, CA 94607-4240

- Lead Agency is the Project Applicant
- Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project
- Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project

### PROJECT INFORMATION

1. TITLE: Sobrante Water Treatment Plant Chemical Systems Safety Improvements
2. LOCATION: *(City, County, and specific location)*  
 Sobrante Water Treatment Plant, 5500 Amend Rd, El Sobrante, Contra Costa County, CA
3. DESCRIPTION:  
 Construction activity related to the rehabilitation and update of chemical systems. Additional information is provided in Attachment A

### EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

1.  Activity is not a project
2.  Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
3.  Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
4.  Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
5.  Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline 15302 & 15301
6.  Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt under Guideline 15301, since it involves negligible or no expansion of the facilities, and can be categorized under example (b), since it entails repair and minor alteration of an existing public facility.

This project is also exempt under Guideline 15302, for the following reasons: 1) This project involves the replacement of existing structures (e.g. tank); 2) The replacement structures will be located at the same site as the existing structures; and 3) The replacement structures will have substantially the same purpose as the existing structures.

### INITIATING UNIT: 551

#### APPROVAL

<u>3/12/2021</u>	<u>Cindy Green</u>	<u>Emily Sing</u>
1. DATE PREPARED	2. PREPARED BY (initial)	3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. initial)
<u>Serge Terentieff</u>		
4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)		
<u>Cindy Green</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>Associate Civil Engineer</u>
5. CONTACT PERSON	MAIL SLOT #	TITLE
		<u>510-287-1291</u>
		PHONE

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

03/29/21

Olujimi O. Yoloye

*David J. Rutten*

DATE

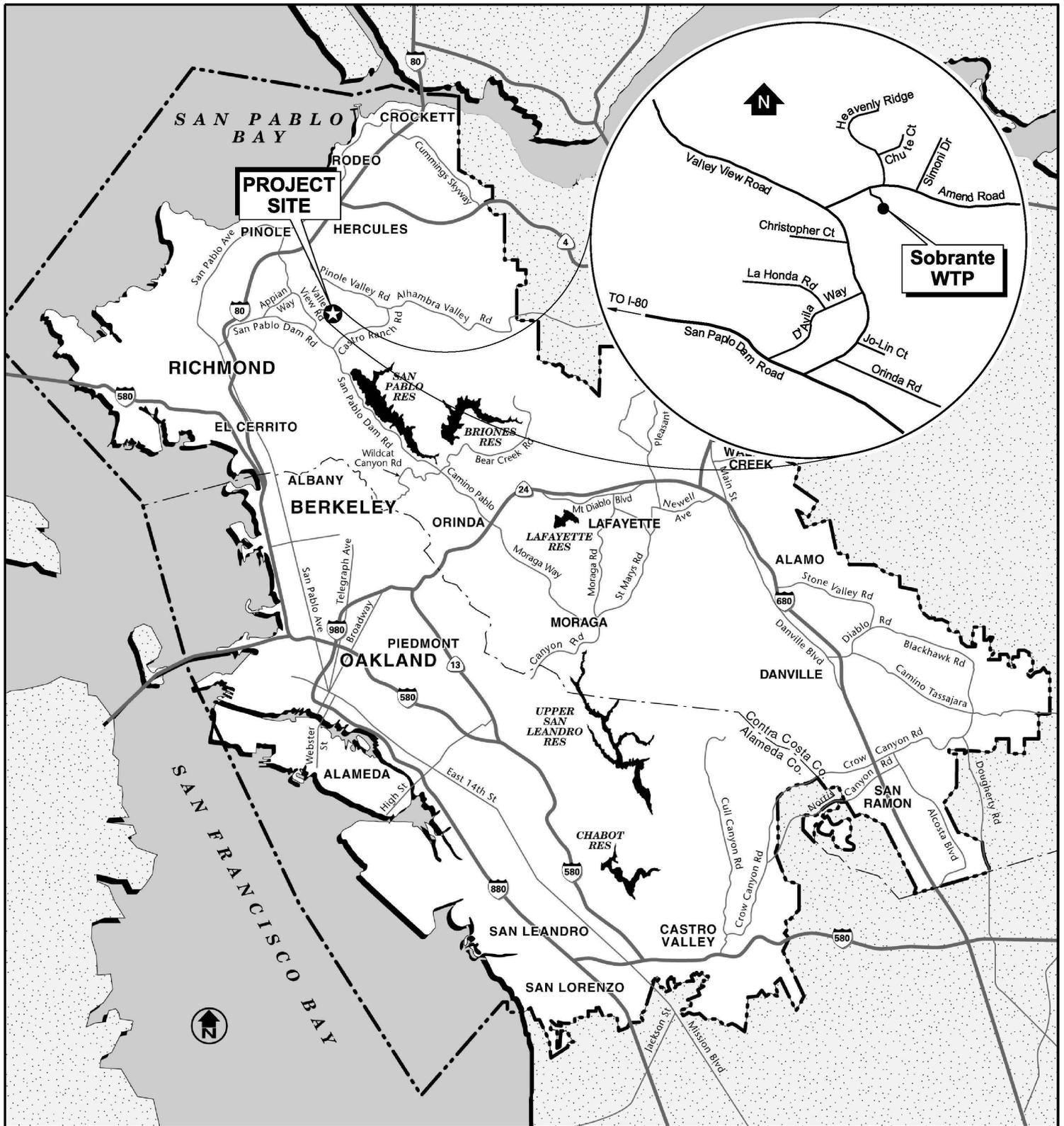
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

04/01/21

*Rosela S. Cole*

DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT



**PROJECT SITE  
LOCATION MAP**

NOT TO SCALE

**EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT**

**SOBRANTE  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
CHEMICAL SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**SPEC 2128**

## **Attachment A**

### **SOBRANTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICAL SYSTEMS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **Overview and Background**

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has several chemical systems that support treatment of drinking water at the Sobrante WTP (WTP) located in the City of El Sobrante in Contra Costa County. The Sobrante WTP Chemical Systems Safety Improvements Project (Project) will replace and upgrade the chemical systems at the Sobrante WTP. These improvements address life safety and emergency response system, chemical spill prevention, workplace safety, and process reliability to minimize risk to workers, the public, and the environment.

#### **Project Purpose and Objectives**

The Sobrante WTP was built in 1965 and periodically upgraded over many decades. Chemical systems at the Sobrante WTP are in need of safety improvements to meet current code requirements, regulations, and industry-standard process and safety practices.

#### **Project Location**

The Sobrante WTP is located at 5500 Amend Rd, El Sobrante in unincorporated Contra Costa County. The WTP site is bounded by Amend Road to the north and Valley View Road to the west of the WTP, and is separated from residential unites by large slopes dotted with trees and shrubs on the east and south sides. The site is surrounded mostly by medium-residential development with a buffer or natural landscape on all sides.

#### **Project Characteristics**

The scope of work includes the following improvements at different locations within the Sobrante WTP facility:

- Emergency Power
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Sprinkler Systems and Fire Sprinkler Bracing
- Emergency Eyewash/ Shower (EES)
- Emergency Panic Hardware
- Spray Shields
- Signage
- Egress
- Gas Detectors
- Chemical Leak Detection
- Ventilation Improvements
- Chemical Tank Roof Vents

- Cable Tray Bracing
- Adequate Anchorage
- Adequate Secondary Containment for Bulk Chemical Storage
- Chemical Resistant Coatings
- Chemical Piping and Secondary Containment
- Chemical Injection Quills
- Chemical Tank Separation
- Truck Unloading Area Improvements
- Chemical Bulk Storage Tank Replacements and Improvements
- Electrical Improvements and Modifications
- Demolishing Unused Equipment
- Replacement of Chemical Feed Pumps and Tanks
- Temporary Chemical Feed and Storage

### **Permits and Approvals**

No permits are required for the Project because all work will be performed on EBMUD's Sobrante WTP property or easements and the Project involves repair, replacement, and/or minor alteration to an existing water treatment facility.

### **Schedule and Work Hours**

Construction is scheduled to commence in January 2022. The estimated construction duration is approximately 48 months. Regular construction work hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction activities outside the regular work hours will be limited to activities which do not exceed 60 dBA.

### **EBMUD Practices and Procedures**

EBMUD has incorporated a number of standard construction specifications, standard practices from EBMUD's Environmental Compliance Manual, and Engineering Standard Practices into the Project. These standard specifications and standard practices are designed to address typical characteristics of EBMUD construction projects and are not project-specific or tailored to the unique characteristics of the Project. These standard practices minimize impacts to the public resulting from EBMUD construction projects.